

Project Purpose - Transportation Benefit

The project will close a gap in the four-lane freeway/expressway between State Route 43 in Hanford (Kings County) and State Route 99 near Visalia (Tulare County). The project will provide route continuity, increased capacity and improved safety. This connection is vital to the economic development of the communities of Hanford and Visalia and will enhance the farm to market shipping opportunities for the region.

Project Description:

The project proposes to widen the two-lane conventional highway to a four-lane expressway on State Route 198 from east of State Route 43 near Hanford in Kings County to west of State Route 99 near Visalia in Tulare County.

Project Cost/Funding Sources:

The project will begin construction within the next five years and is estimated to cost a total of \$56 million. The regional transportation planning agencies in both Kings and Tulare Counties and the State have already funded \$17.5 million for environmental review, design and right of way phases. The project will be funded with State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

Begin Construction:

Anticipated Construction Date Spring 2009

Project Map on Reverse

Hanford Expressway

